PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Shuji HIRAKATA et al.

Application No.: 10/828,261

Filed: April 21, 2004

س Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner:

E. WANG

Docket No.:

119506

For:

FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED

OPERATION METHOD

MAIL STOP RCE

LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicant(s) hereby request(s) continued examination.

Applicants further request entry and consideration of the attached submission.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 200707 in the amount of \$\infty\$ \$810.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. \\$1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

Respectfully submitted,

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OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC P.O. Box 320850 Alexandria, Virginia 22320-4850 Telephone: (703) 836-6400 DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461

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